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Restoration Bible Church 20th Anniversary

In Loving Memory of Ida "Coot" Knox-Coleman

Ida Pearl "Coot" Knox-Coleman was born on May 30, 1945, in Kilmichael, Mississippi. She was the ninth child of ten children born to the union of the late Minister Link Knox, Jr. and Frances Allen-Knox. Coot came to Christ at a young age and was a faithful and dedicated member of the St. Paul Church of God In Christ. In 1963, she graduated from Montgomery County Vocational High School and later moved to Seattle, Washington, where she met Willie Lee Coleman. They were married on July 18, 1968, and had two children, LeMont and Shunta.

Coot was a longtime member of Tolliver Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Pastor O.J. Jenkins and First Lady Jenkins. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and children. Coot leaves to cherish her memory of her three sisters, Frances "Doll" Thomas of San Bernadino, California; Eola "Dimp" Coleman (Roosevelt) of Meridian, Mississippi; and Rachel James of Los Angeles, California. Her unwavering faith in God and love for her family and friends will continue to inspire those fortunate enough to have known her. Her legacy of kindness and generosity will live on through the countless lives she touched.

Service held on March 18, 2023, at Tolliver Temple C.O.G.I.C 1915 E Fir Street Seattle WA, 98122 At 1pm

Celebration of Life for Patricia Ann Doss

Celebration of Life for Patricia Ann Doss will be held on **Friday, March 17, 2023 at 11am at Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home & Cemetery, 11111 Aurora Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98133.**

Repass following service at Lakewood Seward Park Community Club, 4916 S Angeline Street, Seattle, WA 98118.

Please sign an on-line memorial at Washelli.com

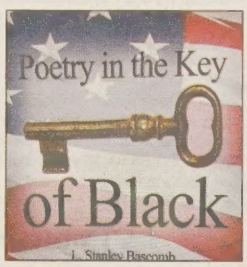
In Loving Memory of Virgil L Walker

Virgil L Walker
3/26/47-3/4/23

Services will be held at Unity COG-IC April 1st 2023. Wake will begin at 10 am. Services will begin at 11 am.

Officiated by Bishop Alva D Harris of Deliverance Temple Global Ministries Inc in Jacksonville Florida.

I invite You! My Family & Friends and avid book readers, to my book signing of Poetry in the Key of Black.



March 18, 2023 -12:00 -2:00 pm The Royal Esquire Club - 5016 Rainier Ave. So. 98118

The first 25 purchased books will receive a free dinner and and be in the drawing for a door prize at the end.

There will also be music from D.J. Darnell Parker (Mr. Shut the Door). If you want to dance, there is a dance floor.

I have to say this, I know that this is about my book, but this is also hoping to see friends that I haven't seen in years, unfortunately, we don't have a real community like we used to, I see the names of the friends that have congratulated my achievement in writing my book, I really do realize that I miss you, unfortunately, we can't go back to those days, the laughter, the engaging of each other, the genuine way we treated each other, I have said to you that my book isn't able to be written if you weren't in my existence, that is real, you all are my history, no matter what path I took, a branch in the path brought us together and I sincerely cherish that.

I would like you all to be there, but of those who can't, I will always be appreciative of you, but also maybe you might find a poem in my book, that can give you a positive and spiritual smile.

I could write more, but I can't write a book here lol,

Thank you, if only you knew my spirit!

Stanley

In Loving Memory of Edith Eloise Woods

Edith Eloise Woods at the age of 93, passed away peacefully in her Seattle, Washington home on March 7, 2023.

Edith was born on April 4, 1929 in Gadsden, Alabama to Hill and Rosa Lee Woods. Edith was happily married to Willie Woods before his passing in 1990. Edith is survived by her eight children Calvin Woods, Willie Woods, Frederick Woods, James Woods, Priscilla Woods, Francis Woods-Harris, Vida Woods-Hall and Ellen Woods-Hall, son in-laws Curtis and Bruce Hall and daughter in-law Kesha Woods and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Edith was courageous and always so full of life! We will forever cherish the memories of her empowering conversations, stories about marching with Dr. Martin Luther Jr.

Her euphonious soulful singing, her strength and the love for her family will continue to be the foundation that we build upon.

A funeral service will be held in her honor @10:30 am Thursday March 23 at New Hope Baptist Church, 124 21st Ave Seattle, Wa Public Viewing - 9:30-10:30am, Service - 10:30-12:00, burial site Evergreen Washelli, Aurora Ave.

Take her hand precious lord, and lead her home.

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It's Revival Time
After Three Years Of A Pandemic It's Time For
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Services Are As Following:
Wednesday, March 22nd to Friday, March 24th @ 7 PM &
Sunday, March 26th @ 3 PM

Rev. William C. Bunton
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Akron, Ohio
Evangelist & 3 PM Speaker.

Rev. Curtis Q & Min. Kathy L Taylor
Seattle Word Of God Church
Seattle, Washington

Rev. Kirkland C Aitkens
Grt. New Salem Bapt. Church
Houma, Louisiana
Sat. & Sun. @ 11 AM Speaker

Obituaries

In Loving Memory of Gerald Wayne Wallace

Gerald Wayne Wallace

Born on June 5, 1964 in Tyler, TX to WIlliam and Gwendolyn Wallace. As a child Gerald was very active in school and sports. He was a respectful young man. Always saying "yes sir/ma'am" or "no sir/ma'am". He was always willing to help and enjoyed being of use.

As an adult, Gerald was an avid worker. There was nothing he couldn't do. A skilled laborer. He refurbished houses, did lawn care, worked on cars and cooked. Although he never married he enjoyed his family time. He made sure to check in with his mother and spent as much time as he could with his boys. He was also blessed to have 7 grandchildren, Jaivaughn Wallace, Jamarion Vaughn, Amira Wallace, Demond Wallace, Jr. (Junebug), Derion Reynolds, Kendale Jimerson, Jr. and Kayden JImerson.

His favorite pastime was fishing. Every chance he got he was out on the water with whoever would join him. He like to play cards and dominoes at family functions where he more than likely cooked all the food or instructed someone on how to prepare something. He was a joy to be around. He never met a stranger, just people he didnt know their names yet.

Through the grace of God. Gerald was clean and sober before he passed. He was ill yet he passed peacefully in his sleep. We thank the lord for allowing us and especially his mother 58 years of love and joy with him.

Gearld was called home on January 12, 2023. He leaves to mourn his mother Gwendolyn, Aunts Antionette Kinniebrew of California, Carolyn Bilal, Velma Ryhne all of Seattle, WA, Marilynn Rollins of Tyler, TX, and LaQuita Kinniebrew of Minnesota. Uncles Michael Ali of Seattle, WA and Glenn Kinniebrew of California. His sons Gerald Wallace, Jr., Diamond Wallace Sr. and Kendale JImerson, Sr. (Tiffany Anderson Jimerson), his chosen children and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Service will be held March 18, 2023 at 11 AM
New Hope MIssionary Baptist Church
124 21st Ave, Seattle WA 98122
Repast at Prince Hall Grand Lodge, 306 24th Ave S, Seattle WA 98144

In Loving Memory of Lonnie Cedric Davis

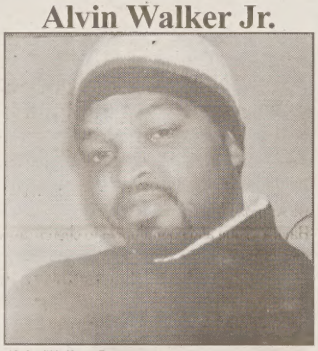
Mr. Lonnie Cedric Davis (LD), 73, of Seattle, WA, took his last breath peacefully on the morning of 3/7/23 at Harborview Medical Center.

He resided in Seattle for 37 years, working in construction both corporately and privately. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and a Mentor in the community.

He leaves behind his children: Calvin Davis (Ruth), Shelonda Prince, Felicia Smith (Gilroy), and Michelle Davis; Son in Laws: Mark Prince and Kwamar Brown; 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and 8 siblings.

Services will be held on Thursday, 3/16/23 at 11 AM at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Repass at Royal Esquire. Burial at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach, CA on 3/22/23.

In Loving Memory of Alvin Walker Jr.



Alvin Walker Jr.

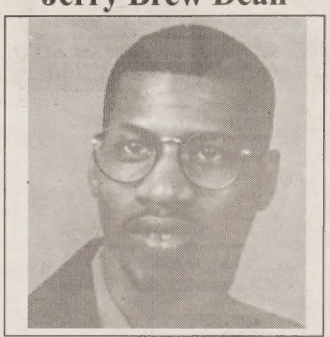
January 20,1979-February 28,2023

Alvin Walker was born January 20,1979 in Meridian Mississippi to Alvin George Walker Sr. And his mother Gertrude Grant. They then relocated to Seattle where they resided in the Central District and grew up in Yesler Terrance along side with family and friends that he'd have for a life time. Alvin was son, father, a protector to his family and loved ones. **Funeral services will be on March 17, 2023 at Greater Gospel Temple at 11am. All is welcomed with love.**

In Loving Memory of Malcolm L. M. Smith

Malcolm Lawrence Marcus Smith a.k.a. Prince passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 7, 2023. He was born April 8, 1968. Malcolm was one of a kind. He was eccentric. He had a good heart. He will be missed by all that loved him. **Viewing will be held at Cady Cremation and Funeral Home, 8418 South 222nd St, Kent WA, 98031, March 16, 2023, from 10am to 11am.**

In Loving Memory of Jerry Brew Dean



Jerry Brew Dean

Sunrise: April 3, 1961 - Sunset: March 3, 2023

A **Memorial Service will be held Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 11:00AM at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Seattle, WA 98144.**

Jerry knew how to make you laugh, he loved his children and family. He loved reading the newspaper, helping others, cooking and barbequing. Jerry leaves to cherish his memory his beautiful wife, Irene Dean, children, Devron Martin Parish, Darrius Brown-Dean, Kanika Dean, Augustus Dean and Trenae Miller and his loving mother Alma Chambliss. He will be greatly missed

In Loving Memory of Almeeda G. Jones

Almeeda Goldie Jones was born December 16, 1930, in Ellensburg, WA to Jack and Vanita Williams. At the age of 11, she was adopted by her loving parents, Willette and Bill Williams. She spent her formative years in Bremerton, WA. Shortly before she graduated, she met the love of her life while working at the restaurant, Fred D. Jones.

And after a whirlwind courtship, Fred and Almeeda married on June 16, 1950. Fred was then stationed in San Diego, CA where they welcomed their first child, Douglas while Fred was overseas in Korea. Following the end of the Korean War, Fred and Almeeda moved back to Bremerton where they continued to grow their family from 1953-1958 welcoming Teresa, Patricia, Sandra and Ronald.

In 1959, the Jones family relocated to Seattle, WA. Almeeda returned to school to study nursing at Edison Technical School (Seattle Central College). Upon graduation, she obtained a position in critical care at Swedish Hospital and eventually a certificate in social work and later held a position as a Child and Family Therapist at Central Area Mental Health Center.

In 1963, they purchased their forever home in Seattle Central District. As devout Catholics, they soon found their church home at St. Therese Parish. Almeeda was actively involved in the church community serving in the choir, taught catechism, and volunteered in the school (Girl Scouts). Fred and Almeeda became one of the prominent families at St. Therese. With Fred, Almeeda fostered a life for her family full of love, faith, and community.

Almeeda took her last breath on February 24, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by her five children, Doug (d. Barbara), Teresa (Frank), Patricia (Rodney), Sandra, and Ronald (Gigi); as well as 13 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Service to be held on Saturday March 18th @11am @St Theresa Church-926 35th Ave, Seattle, Washington 98122

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In Loving Memory of Demetrius Martin

Demetrius Martin, A.K.A June Bug

Demetrius was born on January 18th, 1982, and passed away on March 7th, 2023. June Bug was born in Monrow, Louisiana, to Brenda Dianne Miton and Elijah Michael Milton was the youngest of two children, Jovia Martin (Older brother). He leaves to mourn many family and friends and extended loved ones.

Viewing and service will be Thursday, March 30th, at Holy Temple Evangelistic Center, 12600 Renton Ave S., in Skyway.

A viewing will be at 9:00 AM, and service will begin at 10:30 AM.

Celebration of life will follow from 3:00 - 5 PM at Cascade Elks Lodge, 9116 MLK Way, Seattle, WA

In Loving Meory of Charlene Helen Hadnot

Charlene Helen Hadnot was born June 26, 1943. She was one of eight children born to Jewel George. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and cousin. She was surrounded by her loving family when she peacefully transitioned Sunday, February 19, 2023. Charlene leaves to cherish her memory three loving sons Weldon Park, Anthony Hadnot, and Armez Jackson (wife Leah). Four Siblings: Janis (husband Thomas), Georgia, Vicki, and Gus (wife Lupe). Ten grandchildren: Anthony Jr., Sherrell, Ja'Quita, Jontia, Thomas, Alex (RIH), Kaesem, Ambreeaunah, Cherokiz, Angel and ten great grandchildren. She also leaves her sweet fur baby Paco and a host of nieces, nephews, and other close relatives and friends.

Celebration of Life Services:
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Longhouse
31064 Little Boston Rd NE
Kingston, WA 98346
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
12:00 pm-2:00 pm

Celebrating the Life of Skyler Royce Thornton

Skyler Royce Thornton

Skyler Royce Thornton was gifted to this world on July 21, 1988 in Seattle, Washington to Tomiko Strothers and Hubert Thornton. He graduated this life on February 26, 2023.

He leaves to celebrate his life, his parents, Tomiko and Monty Strothers and Hubert Thornton; sisters, Sharae Thornton, Moniko Strothers, Asia Strothers; nieces, Jasona Finley and Zaelee Fitzgerald; nephew, Jason Finley; grandmother, Oralene Pointer; godmother, Leilani Gennings; puppy-daughter, La'Lady; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and loving friends.

Visitation will be from 10am until time of funeral service 11am Monday, March 20, 2023 all at Integrity Life Church 37603 28th Ave. S Federal Way, WA 98003.

In Remembrance of Tobias Finister -

March 12, 1961 - December 27, 2005

William Finister -

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The Central Library and all branches of The Seattle Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, for a staff in-service day. The Central Library book drop will be closed, but all branch book drops will remain open. No Library materials will be due on that day. All branch library parking garages will be closed, but the Central Library garage at 1000 Fourth Ave. will be open.

Regular operating hours will resume on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Library's Ask Us service by phone at 206-386-4636 or by email or chat at www.spl.org/Ask. Staff are ready to answer questions and direct you to helpful resources and information.

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"Ministries At Work"

You know the commandments: Do not steal, Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and your mother. Mark 10:19

The go-spel word from the Holy Bible is "Steal no longer" Eph.4:28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has a need. Ephesians 4:28(NKJV)

Persons that steal is call a thief. But let none of you suffer as a thief, a murderer, and evildoer, or as a busy body in other people's matters. First Peter 4:15

People that take things that do not belong to them and use a weapon or force is called a thief and a robber. Please read Proverbs 6:6-11 that also calls a robber a sluggard or lazy person. All who came before Jesus are thieves and robbers. John 10:8

People that steal are those people that are foolish like the 5 foolish virgins that took their lamps and took no oil with them, And the foolish said to the wise, give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out. Matthew 25:3,8 Please read these are people that live off of other people like a parasite, saying give me, give me, or like the leach or a sponge that soak up all the substance it comes into contact with.

The commandment tells us not to steal, but get a job so we can help these that are in need, and if you stole before, steal no longer. Stealing is not of God, it is of Satan. The thief does not come except to steal, kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John10:10

Have you asked Jesus to be your shepherd and saviour? Jesus loves you and desires to establish a personal relationship with you. Jesus said: I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. John 10:9

I am a messenger sent by Jesus Christ to write to all nations, peoples, tribes, customs, languages, traditions, cultures, and habits to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and LO, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen

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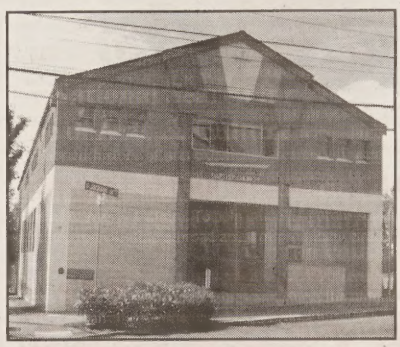

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Public Health — Seattle & King County (PHSKC) is recruiting community representatives to promote the awareness and use of SNAP and SNAP Market Match at farmers markets in South King County. The community representatives will work with PHSKC to share digital information among their communities about using SNAP and SNAP Market Match at farmers markets. The representatives will use methods that they believe will be relevant and receptive for their intended audiences. Additionally, community representatives will lead farmers market tours for SNAP users during the summer season at farmers markets in South King County. PHSKC will provide training to the community representatives on promoting SNAP and SNAP Market Match, as well as conducting farmers market tours. Up to 10 community representatives will be recruited.

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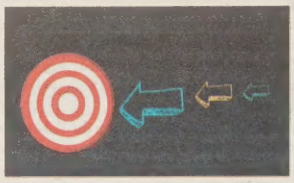

By Chardonnay Beaver

I'm sure you've heard the saying 'almost doesn't count' or a similar sentiment. Yet, before we pursue anything, we have strategic intentions. Consider intentions to be the aim you set on a target before releasing your arrow.

What good are intentions if they aren't fulfilled? How can anyone ever measure 'almost'?

According to Merrium-Webster, intent is defined as the formulated plan or aim established.

Speaking for myself, I can't begin to count the times I intended on completing a task and fell short. Over the years, I've created effective practices that help me reach my goals. Some practices have become common disciplines, like eating at a certain hour, using my planner or drinking a healthy intake of water.

However, in recent years, I realized some of my intentions could take a lifetime to fulfill or master. Those intentions tend to be focused on my character. Unlike our external aims, like fitness or career goals, our character is internal. Self help programs spiff up our external, but not our character.

I discovered God is the only one who can change what lies beneath the surface.

Words of Wisdom by Char of the Week: This week, determine what the foundation of your character is. One of the best ways to approach this activity is to consider your values. Romans 7

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BELIEVE IN THYSELF

In life and in sports it comes down to one's belief in self. The two are obviously not mutually exclusive. That is one cannot exist without the other. Simply put if you want to make it in this big bold world one must believe in themselves. That is why it's so important to have a support circle that is family and friends. Actually the title of the individuals in one's support circle does not . What is important is that they are there for you through thick and thin.

After ten years in the National Football League Seahawks quarterback Geno Smith signed a three year $75 million dollar contract. $40 million of that money was guaranteed up front with Smith earning a yearly salary of $25 million. So what you say ,Pro Athletes gets their bag of the time . We'll let me tell you what.

Smith was drafted by the new York Jets as a second round pick in the 2013 draft. This was after Smith was project to go in the first round. Smith was invited to the draft green where projected first round draft hang out until there name is called and they walk to the stage

. The draft was held at Radio Music Hall in New York so you already everyone was watching. The first round came and went without Smith's name being called. Disappointed and heartbroken Smith returned for Day two and was drafted by the Jets in the second round.

Smith started at quarterback for the first two years but in year three he was punched by a team mate missed 10 weeks of the season. Smith 's back up Ryan Fitzpatrick had the best year of his career. Smith lost his starting job and became a backup for the next six years. The Seahawks traded Russell Wilson and we all know and Smith beat out Drew Lock for the starting job. Like Fitzpatrick Smith had the best year of his career. The Seahawks rewarded him with the contract and Smith will earn more money in one year that he did his whole career .

The story here is that believe in yourself as Smith said at his press conference signing last week. "I just believe in my ability. I believe that with the guys around me, with the coaches that we have, like I said, I think the future's very bright for us and so with the contracts and the incentives, it's just a way, obviously, for both parties to make it work."

DOH's successful Say Yes! COVID Test program to finish May 11 More than 15 million free at-home tests distributed since Jan. 2022

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is announcing its free at-home testing program Say Yes! COVID Test (SYCT) is ending May 11. Since its launch in Jan. 2022, the program has:

Processed more than 3 million individual orders for at-home test kits.

Distributed more than 15 million individual tests.

Served nearly 1 million households throughout Washington state.

Washingtonians may continue ordering free COVID-19 home test kits from the Say Yes! COVID Test website. As the COVID-19 pandemic moves into a state of recovery, however, starting March 13 eligibility will change to focus on Washington communities that are most in need. Criteria will be based on public health measures that help identify communities with more disadvantaged households. Please visit the SYCT website to see if you are eligible to place a single monthly order for five test kits, which are delivered to the requester's home or work address free of charge.

Federally supplied free at-home tests remain available to order for all while supplies last. Insurers are still required to cover the cost of eight at home tests per covered member per month until the end of the federal public health emergency on May 11.

"Thanks to the incredible partnership between the DOH Say Yes! COVID Test team and our partners, as well as close collaborations with the public health and healthcare systems, communities, and individual Washingtonians, our state has achieved one of the lowest COVID-19 death rates in the country," said Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, MD, MPH. "DOH will continue to support Washingtonians to keep their communities healthy and protect the elderly and those with chronic conditions who are most vulnerable to the severe impacts of COVID-19."

DOH launched SYCT Jan. 2022 in partnership with the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Care Evolution, Amazon, and a variety of community partners to provide Washingtonians with another way to quickly access free testing for COVID-19.

DOH will continue to collaborate with local health jurisdictions, tribes, and community partners to support equitable access to testing supplies and services through existing services. Please visit the DOH COVID-19 landing page for more information and resources, including testing and free telehealth treatment options.

The DOH website is your source for a healthy dose of information. Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Sign up for the DOH blog, Public Health Connection.

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Maria Doucettperry to join Sound Transit as Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer

Experienced leader will oversee agency's mission to advance civil rights, equity and inclusion internally and across all services and projects

Sound Transit today announced Maria Doucettperry's appointment as its Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, a position in which she will play a crucial role in overseeing strategies ensuring Sound Transit embodies its values in all facets of serving the public and in its internal operations.

"Maria Doucettperry will play a key role holding Sound Transit accountable to advancing and elevating our values and commitments for diversity, equity, and inclusion at the forefront of everything we do," said Sound Transit CEO Julie Timm. "Becoming an anti-racist organization requires making a strong, proactive commitment to identifying and responding to the systemic racism that exists throughout our society. Maria's deep experience and commitment will direct our work on this journey."

Doucettperry, who will start on March 27, comes to Sound Transit after serving most recently as director of Equal Opportunity & Title IX at the University of Nevada, Reno. In this role she oversaw compliance with federal and state mandates related to equal opportunity, nondiscrimination and gender equity. She developed and implemented comprehensive policies, procedures, systems and training programs on equity, diversity and inclusion for university faculty, staff and students.

Previously, during her 20-year career as a military attorney, Doucettperry was involved in pursuing justice in criminal and civil cases, addressing complaints of discrimination, helping to resolve disability cases and facilitating the Army's environmental compliance and environmental justice initiatives in the Pacific region.

Doucettperry earned a juris doctorate from Capital University School of Law, a master of laws in military law from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center & School, and a master of laws in environmental law from George Washington University. She also has dual bachelor of arts degrees in English and communications from Grambling State University. She is a Certified Diversity Executive® from the Institute for Diversity Certification, a certified Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator from the University of Missouri College of Human and Environmental Sciences and a Title IX adjudicator from Tulane Law School.

"It's an honor to join the Sound Transit team," Doucettperry said. "Sound Transit is committed to becoming an anti-racist organization that centers equity for employees and riders while providing essential services to the community, and I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate and engage with board members, team members, riders, small business owners and other community members as we work together to embed equity in the policies, programs, practices and expansions planned and executed throughout the region."

Health Equity Zones Initiative community nominations now open Initiative will fund health-related projects in three Washington communities

OLYMPIA – Where you live can directly impact your health. Some Washington communities have lower life expectancies, struggle with air pollution and other environmental concerns, or have fewer doctors or medical facilities. To help people facing health barriers, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is proud to announce nominations are now open for the state's new Health Equity Zones (HEZ) initiative. HEZ gives people an opportunity to share their ideas and create a model for collaborative solutions.

"This is an exciting new opportunity to create health programs led by community from the very beginning," said Lacy Fehrenbach, Chief of Prevention, Safety, and Health. "People who live in under-resourced communities know best what is needed to improve health in their area. Health Equity Zones are a way to tap into that local knowledge and design lasting solutions."

The HEZ initiative, created by the Washington legislature in 2021, will pilot community-led projects in three different "zones" – rural, urban, and Native communities – aiming to address each area's most pressing health issues.

People statewide are invited to nominate their community as a HEZ. The nomination period is open from March 13-April 23. Each geographic area chosen as a HEZ will receive $200,000 per year for two years to identify health priorities and develop community action plans. DOH plans to extend funding opportunities beyond the initial two years.

"From my lived experience growing up in an Asian immigrant household and as a primary care physician in resource-limited neighborhoods, I am eager to ensure that local communities are supported to address their root causes of health inequities," said Paul Park, HEZ Community Advisory Council member and Senior Director of Programs for Solid Ground, an organization working to end poverty in King County. "In my work, I continue to witness firsthand how innovative approaches can empower communities to tackle some of the most complicated health-related social barriers, including housing and food insecurity."

"To reduce health disparities, we have to bring a bottom-up focus on communities through collaboration, outreach and education," said Sen. Karen Keiser, prime sponsor of Senate Bill 5052, which established the HEZ initiative. "That's what makes Health Equity Zones such an important step forward for community health in our state. I am excited by their potential to build healthier, stronger communities."

The HEZ Community Advisory Council is a group of tribal, community, and sector leaders from across the state. The council designed the nomination process and will choose the rural and urban zones. Tribal community representatives will identify the zone for Native communities. DOH is providing technical assistance for the initiative.

To learn more about HEZ and how to nominate a community, visit the Health Equity Zones Initiative website.

The DOH website is your source for a healthy dose of information. Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Sign up for the DOH blog, Public Health Connection.

Seattle Renters' Commission seeks community members to serve on the Seattle Social Housing Developer Board

SEATTLE (March 14, 2023) – The Seattle Renters' Commission is seeking community members to serve on the board for the newly established Seattle Social Housing Developer, a Public Development Authority (PDA) responsible for developing, owning, and maintaining social housing in Seattle.

The Seattle Social Housing Developer was established with the passage of Initiative 135, a citizen-initiated measure approved by Seattle voters on February 14, 2023. Under this initiative, social housing will be publicly owned, publicly financed, mixed-income housing, removed from market forces and speculation, and built with the express aim of housing people equitably and affordably.

A new board of directors to oversee the Seattle Social Housing Developer will be formed in the coming weeks. Seven of the 13 board members will be initially appointed by the Seattle Renters' Commission. Per the terms of the initiative, the board members appointed by the Seattle Renters' Commission shall include at least one (1) member who has experienced housing insecurity; at least one (1) member who has experienced financial eviction; and at least one (1) member who has been displaced. In addition, they shall represent a range of incomes, including three (3) members living at 0-50% Area Median Income (AMI); two (2) members living at 50-80% AMI; and two (2) members living at 80-100% AMI.

Full details on the roles and responsibilities of the board of directors can be found in the Charter for the Seattle Social Housing Developer PDA. Prospective board members can expect to spend up to 20 hours per month in their role.

Those interested in being considered for the board should complete the online application by Friday, March 31 at 11:59 p.m.

The Seattle Renters' Commission (SRC) will review applications on a rolling basis and reach out to applicants who advance in the application process to coordinate next steps.

For more information, visit our website. If you would like to request language access services or have any questions, please email don_src_liaison@seattle.gov.

The City of Seattle is committed to promoting diversity in the city's boards and commissions. Women, persons with disabilities, sexual and gender minorities, young persons, senior citizens, persons of color, and immigrants are encouraged to apply.

Mayor Harrell Launches National Search for Permanent Director of the Office of Arts & Culture

Seeking innovative leader reflecting Seattle's storied history of arts excellence, search will center community and creative voices, feature search committee of prominent Seattle arts leaders

Seattle – Today, Mayor Bruce Harrell announced the City of Seattle will begin a nationwide search for the next permanent director of the City's Office of Arts & Culture. To help guide a rigorous selection process, the mayor has appointed a committee representing a broad array of prominent Seattle arts leaders and stakeholders.

Office of Arts & Culture Director Application Here

"Arts allow us to share feelings, values, and experiences across communities and shape the unique social character of our neighborhoods," said Mayor Harrell. "Seattle has always been a hub for creatives and visionaries, and we need to continue to support and develop our world-class arts scene. The next permanent Office of Arts & Culture director must further strengthen our creative landscape – convening artists across mediums, expanding public arts, supporting a next generation of artists, and, most importantly, creating a culture in Seattle where arts are ever present in every community. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Interim Director royal alley-barnes for her work leading this office and her efforts to help our arts sector recover from the impacts of the pandemic."

The selection committee is made up of 16 members who represent different perspectives in Seattle's diverse arts community. Selection committee members include:

Kate Becker, Creative Economy Director at Office of King County Executive Dow Constantine

Catalina Cantu, Board President and Co-Founding member La Sala; multi-genre writer and interdisciplinary artist; Jack Straw Fellow and VONA/Voices Alum

Manuel Cawaling, Executive Director, Inspire Washington

Steven Eng, Accounting Services – Employee Representative, Seattle Office of Arts + Culture

Josh LaBelle, Executive Director, Seattle Theatre Group

Erika Lindsay, Chief Communications Officer – Employee Representative, Seattle Office of Arts + Culture

Aleksa Manila, Genderqueer performer, multiple drag pageant winner, and healthcare worker

James Miles, Assistant Professor, Seattle University; Executive Director of Third Stone

Nate Miles, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives – State Government Affairs, Eli Lilly and Company

Eric Nelson, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, National Nordic Museum

Tammy J. Morales, Councilmember, District 2, Chair Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights and Culture

Sam Pailca, Associate General Counsel, Regulatory Enforcement Litigation, Microsoft

Dr. Judith Rayl, Fine Art Photographer and President of Board of Directors at Center on Contemporary Art (CoCA)

Steven Severin, Co-Owner, Neumos; Co-President and Director of Music Programming, New Rising Sun (Curator and Producer of Bumbershoot: Seattle's Arts & Music Festival)

Earnest Thomas, President, Onyx Fine Arts Collective

Ellen Walker, Executive Director, Pacific Northwest Ballet

Throughout the spring, the committee will identify applicants, interview candidates, and recommend at least three finalists for the mayor. The position opened on March 13, 2023, and applications received by 4:00 P.M. PST on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 will receive first consideration.

The search process will also look to art-goers, creatives, and residents across the city to weigh-in – seeking insight into what community members hope the office and its next director will elevate and champion. Seattle residents are invited to attend three community conversations to inform the search process. The events are open to the public and will be facilitated in partnership by City staff and arts organizations to create a space for residents to give feedback as to what priorities and values they would like to see in the next director. Residents can RSVP to the community conversations here.

Residents are also invited to complete an online survey to make their voice heard in the search process. The results of the survey will be shared with the search committee and Mayor's Office.

"From the theater to the symphony, the SAM to Art Walk, Harbor Island to school classrooms, we must activate the screens, stages, and spaces across Seattle with art experiences for all neighbors," said Mayor Harrell. "This search committee is designed to identify the director who can bring that vision to life – tapping into the lived experience and professional expertise of creative economy and development leaders, City staff and elected officials, and partners from local institutions."

Community Conversations for Office of Arts & Culture Director Search:

Tuesday, March 28th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute 104 17th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144
Thursday, March 30th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
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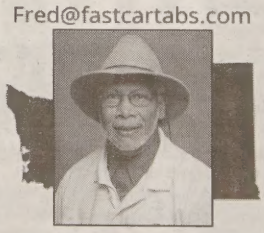
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The Social Equity in Cannabis application window has been open for two weeks now.

Applicants can still apply for a retail license until the window closes on March 30, 2023. Please review the LCB website for the most accurate and up-to-date information. Keep in mind the following information when preparing and submitting an application.

You may only apply for a Social Equity License once.
This program is for retail licenses only. Producer/processor licenses are not available.
You cannot make changes to your business structure after submitting your application, so make sure it is correct before submitting your application.
After the application window closes on March 30, third-party contractor Ponder Diversity Group will reach out with a link to create an account to submit verification documentation.
After you apply, check your Business Licensing account to ensure the application was submitted and payment was made. Applications that are incomplete or have insufficient funds on March 30, 2023 will not be processed.
If you are interested in applying for a Social Equity license, please review the applicant checklist on the LCB website. For further assistance, review our Frequently Asked Questions page, where you can also submit your own questions.

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